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Re:

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For:

Method of Inducing Vasodilation and Treating Pulmonary

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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

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a. A specification containing:

- (i) 28 pages of description prior to the claims;
- (ii) 3 pages of claims (total 20 claims);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 7 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-5, 6A, and 6B); and
- 2. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(1) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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